



HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

*Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Inc.
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest*

2009 Highlights



Arborist Tree Climbing

Have you ever scaled an oak tree using only a harness and rope? Can you calculate the value of timber in a pine tree? Do you know how to identify the trees that provide food for wildlife? After a week at the 63rd annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, 80 Virginia students can answer all of these questions with a resounding "YES!" This year's campers represented 42 Virginia counties and cities. Their core classes were tree identification, forest measurements, timber harvesting, wildlife management, tree improvement, forest ecology, forest management, environmental protection and reproducing the forest. Other experiences included a field trip to Greif Packaging's paper mill, an afternoon of arboriculture demonstrations, exploratory classes, sports and lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured forest products, wildlife research and law enforcement, and even a talent show. By week's end, the campers had not only attained new knowledge, skills and friends, but also an excellent introduction to diverse career fields in natural resources.

Comments on camper evaluations indicated that most campers significantly improved their knowledge of forestry and other natural resource subjects. Many were surprised to learn that properly managed forests are actually a benefit to a healthy environment. The campers took home excellent resource materials and were encouraged to share their new skills with others. The top ten campers (as scored academically throughout the week) received awards of outdoor recreation supplies. This year's top-scoring camper was Daniel Nadkarni from Albemarle County.

Four educators, representing high school and non-formal education programs, also attended forestry camp for professional development this year. In addition to all of the camp classes, they attended Project Learning Tree training sessions each afternoon. They were extremely pleased to have learned so much that they could use with their students.

***"I will carry the knowledge
I have gained for the rest of
my life." – Hunter V.***

This year's program included a Forestry Field Day for campers' parents. Participating parents experienced short versions of tree identification and forest measurement classes and toured Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest to see forest management in action. They took home information to use on their own property and to share with neighbors.

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions and services of the many groups and individuals whose generous support makes Holiday Lake Forestry Camp possible. Donations to the scholarship program allow campers to attend at a minimal personal cost. The 45 staff members and presenters served as "in kind" contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

For more information, please contact:

Visit us on the Web:

www.dof.virginia.gov/edu/camp.shtml

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What Do We Do At Camp... we do it ALL!

"Forestry Camp was amazing. I learned so much, and I got to do so many things that I have never had the chance to do." - Brittany C.

*Map and
Compass*



Tree Measurements



Cross-Cut Saw Competition



*Forest
Management*



*Wood
Identification*



Fire Suppression



Log Rolling

2009 CAMP STAFF

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF, Pittsylvania County
Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County

CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF, Charlottesville

CAMP REGISTRAR

Becky Woodson – VDOF, Charlottesville

CAMP MEDIC

Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF, Charlottesville

4-H CENTER LIAISON

Nate Mahanes – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

Environmental Protection	Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Reproducing the Forest.....	Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
Tree Identification	Amy Bigger – Smurfit-Stone Corporation, Keysville
Forest Measurements	Randy Ogle and Wayne Harris – Smurfit-Stone Corporation, Powhatan
Timber Harvesting.....	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Wildlife Management.....	Nelson Lafon – VDGIF, Verona
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt.	Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
Forest Ecology and Management	Erik Filep – VDOF, Orange County
.....	Todd Kready – VDOF, Bedford County
Project Learning Tree.....	Lisa Deaton – VDOF, Virginia Forest Education Center, Providence Forge
.....	Becky Reiff – Hollins University
Skeet Shooting.....	Dave Sandman – NRCS
Archery	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Wilderness Survival	Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Canoeing	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Riflery Basics	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Low Ropes Initiatives.....	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
GPS and Aerial Photo.....	Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Map and Compass.....	Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Stream Analysis	Tamara Arrington – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment.....	Alex Williamson – VDOF, Halifax County; Adam Smith – VDOF, Campbell County
.....	Dave Houttekier – VDOF, Caroline County
Furbearers and Wildlife Damage Control ...	Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County
Reptiles and Amphibians.....	Tamara Arrington – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

“Thank you for sponsoring a camp that helps young people develop informed opinions about the environment.” – Zack H.

Program Presenters

Urban Forestry/Arborist Demonstration	Bartlett Tree Experts; Davey Tree Experts
Bear Research.....	Cale Godfrey – VDGIF, Farmville
Lumberjack Field Day	Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County
Bloodhound Tracking Team	Brad Whittington and Summer – VDOF, Mecklenburg County
Forest Products	Charlie Becker – VDOF, Charlottesville; Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
.....	Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools; Jason Fisher – Virginia Cooperative Ext.
Conservation Police	Richard Howald – VDGIF, Appomattox
Paper Mill Tour	Marvin Tinsley – Greif-Riverville LLC
Remarkable Trees of Virginia	Jeff Kirwan – Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources

Counselors

Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County
Carl Belew – VDOF, Charlottesville
Andrew Brown – VDOF, Halifax County
Chris Clayton – VDOF, Culpeper County
Adam Cumpston – VDOF, Russell County
Erik Filep – VDOF, Orange County
Justin Funk – VDOF, Cumberland County
R.J. Garman – VDOF Retiree/Volunteer
Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Debbie Howe – VDOF, Charlottesville
Todd Kready – VDOF, Bedford County

Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Hanover County
Adam Smith – VDOF, Campbell County
Elizabeth Smith – Tazewell County Schools
Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County
Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Hilary Vild – Christopher Newport University
Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Public Schools

“I had a mind changing experience that I never thought I would agree with.” – Chelsea F.

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Agencies & Institutions Organizations & Individuals

Virginia Department of Forestry
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
Virginia Department of Military Affairs
Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Conservation Service

Business & Industry

Amherst County Farm Bureau
Aylor Forestry
Bartlett Tree Experts
C & L Logging
Davey Tree Experts
Domtar Paper Company
EnviroFor LLC
Forest Resources Management
Greif Packaging LLC
Huber Engineered Woods
Morgan Lumber Company
Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
Three Rivers Forestry

Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
Powhatan Junior Woman's Club
Randy Carter Chapter of Float Fishermen of Virginia
Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock Chapter
Society of American Foresters – Robert E. Lee Chapter
Society of American Foresters – Skyline Chapter
Virginia Association of Consulting Foresters
Virginia Forest Products Association
Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
Virginia Farm Bureau Federation
Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
Virginia Tree Farm Committee
Chris Wargo

Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Appomattox River SWCD
Blue Ridge SWCD
Chowan Basin SWCD
Culpeper SWCD
Halifax SWCD
Headwaters SWCD
Henricopolis SWCD
John Marshall SWCD
Loudoun County SWCD
Monacan SWCD
Mountain Castles SWCD
Natural Bridge SWCD
Peter Francisco SWCD
Pittsylvania SWCD
Robert E. Lee SWCD
Shenandoah SWCD
Tazewell SWCD
Thomas Jefferson SWCD
Tidewater SWCD

"I have never been this close to nature." – Caleb L.

"It really gets us interested in the field of forestry while we learn in classes and have a really fun time in competitions." – Sam C.

Budget Summary

Income

Forest Industry/Business (13)	\$1,490
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (19)	\$4,800
Foundations, Associations, Organizations & Individuals (13)	\$11,300
Virginia Department of Forestry	\$1,360
Camper Registration Fees	\$4,800
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,650*

* Remaining funds will be used for 2010 camp promotion.

Expenses

4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facilities, Administrative)	\$20,460
Transportation	\$800
Notebooks, Nametags, T-shirts, Other Supplies	\$1,600
Academic Awards	\$500
Annual Report/Publicity	\$600
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,960*

Announcing 2010 Forestry Camp

The 2010 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 14-19, 2010. The camp is open to any Virginia girl or boy aged 13 to 16, who has an interest in natural resources and who has not attended before. The nomination process will begin in January. For more information and on-line nomination, visit www.dof.virginia.gov/edu/camp.shtml.



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